

Community Benefit Agreements

Wind Energy Community Benefits Database

This searchable database reflects agreements, funds, donations, and other forms of benefits offered to communities by land-based and offshore wind energy developments in the U.S. compiled by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) from 2022 to 2024.

If you would like to submit an agreement that is not represented in this database, please email ✉ windcommunitybenefits@nrel.gov.

For more information about how benefits are developed and the role they play in wind energy development, please visit the [Wind Energy Community Benefits Guide](#). Learn more about the [community impacts of wind farms](#).

What Forms of Community Benefits Does This Database Include?

Benefits to communities for wind energy projects can be structured in many ways, but the following categories are the most common and are the focus of this database:

Formal Agreements Signed by Developers, Local Governments, Tribal Governments, and/or Community Organizations

Payments to Local Governments Outside of a Formal Agreement

Funds Established by Developers

Direct Contributions to Local Priorities or Programs

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Banner Peak	Alaska	Nome Census Area	Other (/projects/community-benefit-agreements?id=16)		Land-based project
Chevelon Butte I & II	Arizona	Coconino County, Navajo County	Donation/support to local cause (/projects/community-benefit-agreements?id=56)		Land-based project
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Hatchet Ridge	California	Shasta County	Fund (/projects/community-benefit-agreements?id=106)		Land-based project
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Ocotillo	California	Imperial County	Fund (/projects/community-benefit-agreements?id=178)		Land-based project
Rising Tree	California	Kern County	Donation/support to local cause (/projects/community-benefit-agreements?id=218)		Land-based project
Tule Wind Project	California	San Diego County	Donation/support to local cause (/projects/community-benefit-agreements?id=272)		Land-based project

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Bronco Plains	Colorado	Kit Carson County	Donation/support to local cause (/projects/community-benefit-agreements?id=38)		Land-based project

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What Forms of Community Benefits Are Not Included in This Database?

Agreements and related forms of benefits may be provided alongside other agreements or economic impacts that serve different purposes, such as:

- Land lease payments to landowners that host wind turbines.
- Project labor agreements for construction of wind energy projects.
- Taxes or tax agreements like payment in lieu of taxes (PILOTs).
- Direct compensation to impacted stakeholders, such as commercial fishermen.

This database does not include these other types of wind energy benefits, as they differ from agreements and related benefit mechanisms in several key ways; namely, the data included in this database are unrelated to taxation, are intended to provide benefits to the community as a whole rather than a specific group of people, like landowners, and are separate from impact mitigation measures required by permitting agencies.

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